

Air Programs Branch Highlights

1/14/22

Items for the Administrator's action: None currently

Significant Items that the Regional Administrator signed: None currently

Hot Topics: None currently

Past Week:

EPA No Longer Requires Emissions Offsets for Construction Emissions for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Wind Energy Projects: On October 20, 2021, EPA R1 reopened the public comment period on the revised draft permit for South Fork, an OCS Wind Energy Project (WEP) offshore MA, for the purpose of removing the requirement that the facility obtains emissions credits to offset the thousands of tons of non-attainment air pollutants that result during construction of the OCS WEP. This new policy of no longer requiring offsets for the construction emissions of OCS WEPs was established by HQ. The public comment period for South Fork ended December 6, 2021, and R1 received supportive comments about not requiring offsets for construction emissions.

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On 1/12/2022, ARD was assigned a controlled correspondence that was sent to Administrator Regan for a response on behalf of EPA. Ms. Gouri Edlich, a Chairwoman of the Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott (CPW) voices her concerns about the South Fork wind project transmission cable that transmits energy from the South Fork WEP to the substation through a residential community in East Hampton, NY, and EPA's proposal to not require emission credits to offset the construction phase emissions of WEP. ARD forwarded the correspondence to R1 for a coordinated response. A meeting with OAQPS, OGC, R1 and R2 is scheduled for 1/13/2022 to discuss this coordination effort. (Contact: Viorica Petriman x 4021)

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Status of OCS Air Permits for the OCS Wind Energy Projects Offshore NJ and NY:

Ocean Wind WEP, will be located at about 15 miles east of Atlantic City, NJ. It will comprise of about 98 wind turbines (WT), and 3 offshore substations (OS), and is expected to generate about 1,000 MW. Ocean Wind submitted to EPA R2 its Notice of Intent (NOI) to submit an OCS air application on 9/14/2021. An initial OCS air application is expected by 3/29/2022, and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 6/29/2023.

Atlantic Shores WEP, will be located at about 12 miles east of Atlantic City, NJ, will comprise of about 230 WT, 10 OS, and is expected to generate about 2,800 MW. Atlantic Shores submitted EPA R2 its NOI to submit an OCS air application on 12/22/2021. An initial OCS air application is expected by 6/1/2022, and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 12/29/2023.

Empire Wind WEP, will be located at about 14 miles southeast of Long Island, NY and 19.5 miles east of Long Branch, NJ. It will comprise of about 174 WT and 2 OS and is expected to generate about 2,100 MW. Empire Wind is expected to submit to EPA R2 its NOI on 3/10/2022. An initial OCS air application is expected by 6/10/2022, and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 9/8/2023.

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Confidential Items: None currently

Upcoming Major Milestones:

Site	Milestone	Project Manager	Projected Date
	Proposed Action – NY regulations for distributed generation		January 2022

	(Part 222), and incinerators (Part 219).		
	Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)		January 2022
	Proposed Action - NY Regulations for “Fuel Consumption & Use – Sulfur Limitations” (Subpart 225-1), “Fuel Consumption & Use – Waste Fuels” (Subpart 225-2), and General Provisions (Part 200)		February 2022

Potential Items for HQ Cabinet Report: None currently

Regional Administrator’s Pending Action Items:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Sent to RA’s Office</u>	<u>Required By/ Due Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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